

House Bill 2 Amendment Section E (Education)

Proposed:

DP # 2064 Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program

The legislature approves a general fund appropriation of \$1.53 million general fund in FY 2008 and \$2.51 million in FY 2009, total of \$4.04 million general fund in the 2009 biennium, to support the Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program, authorized in 20-26-601, MCA.

General Fund: \$4.04 million

Background: This is essentially a union of the executive DP's 2002 and 2061, with an overall general fund reduction of \$1,332.

Language: If the legislature does not amend the governor's post secondary scholarship program to expand the number or size of the scholarship awards authorized at 20-26, MCA, this item is reduced by \$250,000 in FY 2008 and \$500,000 in FY 2009, and line item OCHE – Student Assistance is increased by \$139,768 general fund in FY 2008 and \$221,900 general fund in FY 2009 to support the Montana Higher Education Grant (MHEG) program.